

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 7-11 and 13-25 are currently pending with claims 7, 11, 20, and 34 having been amended. Claims 1-6, 8, and 12 were previously canceled. Now new matter has been added. Support for the amendments to claims 7, 11, 20, and 34 can be found in the specification as originally filed at page 18 and 19 among other places.

Claims 7, 9-11, 13-33, and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Van Ryzin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,255,961) in view of Guo et al. (US Patent No. 6,173,330).

Claims 34-35 and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Van Ryzin.

Claim 7 has been amended to clarify the recited embodiment of the invention. Specifically, claim 7 has been amended to recite that the remote control is configured to generate “an updated media guide based on the configuration data generated in the network-control station and received from the network,” and is further configured to display “the updated media guide for user selection of a piece of media for play by one or more of the electronic devices.” This amendment clarifies that the remote control generates and displays a media guide based on configuration data received from the network.

In contrast, Van Ryzin discusses a web page television guide retrieved from a network, such as the Internet, for display on the PC. The guide received from the network is not configured to be displayed on the remote control. See Van Ryzin at Col. 5, lines 51-55. The Van Ryzin remote control may display a guide received from an electronic device (e.g., a CD player), but not a network, to be controlled by the remote control. The guide received from the electronic device and displayed on the remote control may be an incomplete guide. See Van Ryzin at Col. 4, lines 18 – 30.

Van Ryzin discusses the retrieval of a relatively more complete guide by the remote control from a network, but the relatively more complete guide retrieved from the network is passed through the remote control to the electronic device that is to be controlled by the remote control. As such, the Van Ryzin remote control is not configured to display a more rich media guide that is collected from a network. This more rich guide is for display by an

electronic device controlled by the remote control. See Van Ryzin at Col. 5, lines 35-40, and Col. 6, lines 10-29. Therefore, Van Ryzin fails to show or suggest that configuration data retrieved from a network can be used by a remote control to generate a media guide for display thereon. Therefore, Van Ryzin fails to show or suggest every limitation of amended claim 7.

Guo fails to make up for the deficiencies of Van Ryzin. Specifically, Guo discusses a system for transferring media guide information to a television set and displaying a media guide on the television set (not on a remote control) based on the media guide information. See Guo at Col. 1, lines 5-13.

For at least the foregoing reasons Van Ryzin and Guo, either alone or in combination, fail to show or suggest every limitation of amended claim 7. Therefore, Van Ryzin and Guo fail to render amended claim 7 obvious.

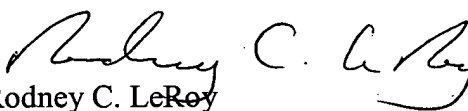
Claims 11, 20, and 34 have been amended to recite similar limitations as that of claim 7 distinguished from Van Ryzin and Guo above. Therefore, Van Ryzin and Guo, either alone or in combination, fail to anticipate or alternatively render amended claims 11, 20, and 34 obvious.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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